

Derry School Board Approves ‘Roadmap to Reopening Schools’

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Cooperative School District Officials presented the “Roadmap to Reopening Schools” to the School Board on Tuesday, July 28. The School Board voted to approve their plan with added recommendations.

Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, Superintendent of Derry Cooperative School District, began the presentation with background on how the plan was created. Task forces with representation from all areas of the district including the school board, teachers, administrators, transportation staff, and health professionals contributed to aspects of the plan, according to Superintendent Connors-Krikorian.

The Cooperation Task Force voted for Plan A, which is characterized by three parts, a complete on-site return by all staff and students with increased safety measures, a phased in return to school, and an alternative option for remote learning.

Task force work will continue and specific plans and procedures will be set in place following the approval, said Superintendent Connors-Krikorian. Family education and information will begin to be provided, as well.

According to School District Business Administrator Jane Simard, all classrooms throughout the district are capable of distancing students four to six feet. New Hampshire State guidelines, as well as the district’s plan set a minimum of three feet distancing in classrooms. Facemasks will be required for staff and students. Mask breaks for students will be allowed when they are seated at their desks for periods of time. Staff members will be required to submit a daily health assessment. Parents will be responsible for screening their children for fevers and

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Springhill Farm Trail Ride Event Discussed with Chester Selectmen

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Thursday evening, July 16, meeting of the Chester Selectmen the board discussed the use of Spring Hill Farm for a trail riding event.

The meeting was held via videoconference again, due to then COVID-19 Pandemic, and Selectman Chuck Myette along with Recreation Director, Corrina Reishus, gave the board a presentation on an upcoming event being held at the town-owned Spring Hill Farm.

The main focus of the discussion was on whether or not a police detail will be needed for the event, since there were concerns on how tight that area of Lane Road is, but Reishus said that after talking with the Chief of Police, he felt it could be left up to the Selectmen on whether a detail would be needed.

The ride is currently being scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5, and there should be about 25 riders at the event.

Myette didn’t feel that the Police Detail would be needed, since the number of horse riders would be so small, and he told the board that parking would be in the field well after haying of the field has been done.

Myette added that the riders are not being charged for their participation in the event, but they are being asked to donate to the Spring Hill Farm barn repairs, so anything having to be paid toward a police detail would take away from funds going toward repairs.

One question raised by Selectman Stephen D’Angelo, was whether Lane Road would be open by then, of if that would impact the traffic there.

Road Agent, Mike Oleson, didn’t think the Lane Road project would be finished until well after the event, so D’Angelo thought some consideration

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Trail Grooming
The walking trails at the Broadview Farm Conservation Area in Derry were temporarily closed while crews mowed the tall grass and weeds this week. The much-needed groom was done to keep the walking trails from being over-run by weeds and invasive plants growth.

Photo by Chris Paul

Hampstead School Board Addresses New Consultant Hire

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board is still working through separation pains as it plans its School Administrative Unit reorganization. The move “more than a little blindsided” the Hampstead School Board, according to the School Board Chair, Caitlin Parnell. Timberlane has been in negotiations with superintendent candidates - and seemingly the public, as the board has had to field questions over the past weeks. However, such information must be kept confidential regarding the possible new hire.

Since the July 22 meeting, Brian Cochrane has been named the SAU 55 interim superintendent for the FY 2020-2021 school year. “We had no idea that was happening,” Chair Parnell said. “I don’t have that information.”

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Pinkerton Academy Reveals 2020-21 Reopening Plan

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Last week, Pinkerton Academy sent a letter out regarding plans for the upcoming school year. The letter was sent by Headmaster, Dr. Timothy J. Powers, and addressed a number of concerns raised by faculty, staff, students and parents. The letter is as follows:

After months of work by several groups considering all aspects of campus operations, last night the Board of Trustees approved a hybrid plan (Plan B) for our campus reopening. While we recognize that no plan is perfect, we are confident that this path will allow us the most flexibility in providing the quality education our community has come to expect. This is the plan we will employ at this time; recognizing the ever-changing nature of the pandemic, we will adjust our plans throughout the year as conditions dictate.

The size of our student body population makes it impossible to guarantee social distancing measures in a full operation model. Our hybrid model allows

us to provide in-person instruction for all of our students at least twice a week. Masks will be required of all individuals at all times inside of buildings. Additionally, masks must also be worn outside of buildings whenever six-feet of distance cannot be maintained. Families who prefer to participate in full remote learning may choose to do so. This option will allow students to take their full schedule of classes taught by their assigned Pinkerton Academy teachers. We will send out a survey next week for families to indicate their preference.

Following the established guidelines and guidance of state and national athletic associations, and in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) all programs will be offered including athletics and extracurricular activities. Additional precautions will be added to comply with health guidance and waivers will be required to participate in athletics as well as some academic and extracurricular programs.

lar programs.

We are working to update our website with all of the materials you will need for the start of the school year. Our COVID-19 section has been expanded to include resources for our community. While it is still a work in progress, you can check it out at www.pinkertonacademy.org/covid. Please refer to this section regularly as it will be updated with the most current information.

We recognize the difficult choices families have to make at this time. This letter is meant to inform our community of our plan as soon as possible so that our families can make the best decisions for their situations. More information will be coming next week and our website will be fully updated as soon as

possible.

We thank you, as always, for your support and look forward to continuing to work with you to provide our students with the best educational experience possible.

Sincerely, Dr. Timothy J. Powers, Headmaster."

In an attachment to that letter "Plan B" is described as follows:

Plan B (Hybrid): School Facilities and Students: Moderate Social Distancing with a limited student capacity in facilities to no greater than 50 percent capacity.

Health Precautions: Enhanced health protocols and an aim to ensure sufficient social distancing with at least six-feet between people at all times in school facilities. Also, limit capacity of people in

school facilities to no greater than 50 percent of maximum capacity. Enhanced health protocols include hygiene reminders, hand sanitizers throughout campus and required face coverings.

Teaching and Learning: Blended learning for all with the option for full remote learning available. Students attend school on days scheduled according to assigned cohorts.

Scheduling Options:

Students attend classes on campus on alternating days as scheduled for their assigned cohorts. Red/White block schedules with Red-1 Red-2/White-1 White-2 daily scheduled to maintain no more than 50 percent capacity.

Food Services: In person, the cafeteria is closed for full capacity. Food is individually packaged and served to students. For Remote Students, meals are picked up by families.

OBITUARY

Alice Angus



Alice Angus, 100, of Manchester, N.H. passed away in her sleep after a short period of declining health on July 26, 2020 at Mt. Carmel Nursing Center. Born in Bridgeport, Conn. On Aug. 29, 1919, she was the daughter of William and Catherine (Swan) Weed. Alice grew up on a farm in Trumbull, CT and graduated from Bassick High School in 1938. She married the love of her life, LeRoy H. Angus on Aug. 31, 1940. During WWII she worked at the General Electric Company in Bridgeport, helping with the War effort, and was also a member of the USO. After the war Alice and Lee settled in Stratford, CT. Alice worked as a Customer Service Representative at Kurt H. Volk Co.

They spent many years enjoying their boat and exploring the eastern seaboard. After retirement they bought a travel trailer and drove all over the United States and Canada. Alice especially loved the National Parks and this great country of ours. They made many friends along the way and enjoyed every minute of their lives. They spent many summers staying with their daughter in Chester, NH.

After Lee died in 2005, Alice moved to Chester to live with her daughter. Alice loved the town of Chester and especially the Senior Center. She made friends easily and enjoyed all the activities with the group.

Alice celebrated her 100th Birthday last Aug. at Mt. Carmel with family and friends. Wearing a birthday tiara, she sang "Take me out to the ballgame" for her quests. Our family would like to thank the staff at Mt. Carmel for the loving care they gave to her.

Alice was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, her daughter, Mary Catherine Berky, and son-in-law, Jack Berky, and her brother Richard Weed.

Family members include a daughter, Billie Maloney and Son-in-Law, Denis Maloney of Chester, NH. Grandchildren, Jesse Maloney of Auburn, NH, Sarah Maloney of Acton, MA, Catherine Baer of Londonderry, NH, Jennifer Jeffrey of Woodbury, CT, and Alicia Grazul of Derry, NH. Great Grandchildren, Norah Baer, Sean and Bonnie Jeffrey and Alea Grazul.

Due to the pandemic, there will be no calling hours or services. Burial will be at Great Hill Cemetery in Chester at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Home in Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARY

James Gullo, Jr.



James Gullo, Jr., 75, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts on May 13, 1945. After declining health, he died at home with family on July 28, 2020.

Jim got his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Connecticut before earning his Master's Degree at Lowell Tech.

He worked as an electrical engineer for 36 years for numerous companies such as AT&T, Lucent, and Cisco.

Jim enjoyed playing cards, being a member of the Chester Lion's Club, attending Chester Senior Citizens Club activities, going to the shooting range, attending concert, and working in his impressive garden.

He leaves behind two children, Gary and Gail, a daughter-in-law, Sandra, and two grandchildren, Sabrina and Sebastian. He was predeceased by his wife, Ginny and by his brother, Dick.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no formal services. The family requests loved ones celebrate Jim's life as they see fit. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Chester Lion's Club in Jim's name.

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Chester Planning Board Reviews Riding Arena Site Plan

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CHESTER - The most recent Chester Planning Board meeting was held on July 22, with members continuing to conduct the meeting virtually due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

To begin the meeting board members reviewed the meeting minutes from July 8, and the only item that needed clarification from a previous discussion was the federal requirements for an ADA parking spot. Federal law requires no particular color or means of mark-

ing spaces and leaves the decision to each state. New Hampshire only requires it marked with a sign. It is in compliance as long as there is a way to prevent people from parking there and there is enough area to make it van and wheelchair accessible.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing to review a Site Plan Review Application filed by Elizabeth Buchanan & Gene Blanchard (Owners) to construct a 6,500 square foot riding arena at 43 Hart Roberts Road in Chester. The members of

the board received an email from Dubois and King, which is a consulting firm for the board, notifying them of about 18 items about the property plans that need to be looked at again by the applicants. Most of the 18 items of concern surround the drainage on the property and a few elevation questions. The reason for concern from the planning board is the area where the riding arena is to be built gets heavy rain. Down the road from where the arena will go is a culvert stream crossing that is already at max

capacity.

The board wanted to make sure that this will not accelerate the need for repair of the culvert, though it has been flagged by the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for eventual replacement.

Members of the Planning Board also mentioned needing to see complete drawings of the proposed enclosed arena as well as assurance that the applicants plan on enclosing the arena within 6-12 months of construction. Due to questions of drainage and physical roof design plans

the Board tabled the discussion until their next meeting on Aug. 5.

Piggy backing off of drainage concerns the next item on the agenda was a project by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

The project was a website created by the commission that shows stream crossings on a virtual map. The virtual map allows you to see stream crossings around southern New Hampshire and identify whether they are privately cared for (green), maintained by the state (red), or main-

tained by the town (blue). Not only does the site show the stream crossing and who is responsible for the maintenance it also gives the stream a vulnerability score. The score takes into account things such as if it has flooded in the past, flood hazard score, beaver activity, whether or not the culvert is metal or plastic, etc. This website is part of the state program to monitor infrastructure to make sure they know what is being hardened for future flooding impacts.

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other symptoms of COVID-19 before school. There will be training and instructional materials provided to teachers and parents about screening for symptoms and policies for children attending school.

Students will return to school in a phased schedule by grade. On Monday August 31, PreK, Kindergarten students, as well as first, second, and sixth graders begin in person instruction. The remaining grades will begin remote learning. On Wednesday September 2, third and seventh graders will join in person instruction. After a long weekend, all grades will return to school on Tuesday, September 8.

The School Board rec-

ommended with their vote that the phased returned presented in the plan be extended.

The plan also includes the option for families to opt for remote learning. The plan for remote learning did not include many specific details. Families that choose to have their child participate in remote learning will be assigned a certified teacher, but there are also many uncertainties. Depending on remote enrollment, classes may include multiple grade levels, may be taught by teachers from other district schools, or include students from other district schools.

The full plan is available on the Derry Cooperative School District website www.sau10.org.

Public comments and questions following the presentation highlighted the concerns of the community.

Parents spoke up about concerns regarding the transportation policy in the plan requiring a maximum of 2 students per seat. All students and drivers will be required to wear masks on the bus. There will also be an increased sanitization schedule for busses. The district is working with First Student to redistribute crowded routes to reach a goal of having one student in each seat. Dr. Chris Peterson, the Derry Cooperative School District Consulting Physician, said that family members that ride busses together would be required to sit together to prevent potential spread. The State of New Hamp-

shire and the district are recommending that parents drive their children to school and participate in carpools.

The main problem of concern to parents was the mask rule exception due to the distance between students' desks possibly being as low as three feet. School Board Secretary Erika Cohen said that dividers are necessary if students are allowed to take off masks at their desks.

Dr. Sue Cook, an East Derry Memorial Elementary School parent, was one of several parents to criticize the remote learning alternative policy in

the plan for lacking specifics and clarity.

"The alternative learning plan was just not well developed or flushed out," said Cook. "A better presented plan for the remote alternative would encourage more families to participate and in turn create a safer environment for children who choose in person instruction", she explained.

Assistant Superintendent, Austin E. Garofalo, clarified that there will be more specifics added to that plan once they gain approval from the School Board.

Derry Education Association spoke out against

Plan A for reopening the school. They presented the School Board with a petition signed by more than 190 teachers opposing Plan A. Dr. Meg Morse-Barry, President of the Derry Education Association, said, "the safety measures put forward were not adequate to protect students and staff." According to Dave Levesque, First Vice President of the Derry Education Association, a recent survey suggested that half of their members have a condition that could prevent them from returning to work. Levesque spoke in favor of stricter guidelines for health and safety.

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Editorial

Hot Enough for You?

The basil plants in the garden were as healthy as they could be until they burned in the 90 plus degree heat. The temperatures were pleasant and perfect for sitting outside until we began the summer and goodness knows we all wanted out of the house. But no one wanted over 90 degree temps with the added bonus of dew point levels in the 70s - can you say humid.

The occasional thunderstorm and lightning show, or a brief but heavy rain never provided much in the way of a soaking. A heavy layer of pollen also added to our summer season. Well that's the kind of summer it's been - hot and humid. If we didn't know better, we would think we were in Mississippi.

When you consider that Rockingham County is officially termed a "drought" area, it's been about as hot and miserable a summer as we've had in years. It's enough to make us look longingly at the maples whose tops are beginning to turn colors, wondering whether that's fall coming on or just the endless dry spell. Unfortunately this dry spell is predicted to continue into autumn as well.

Not to mention the addition of worrying about the COVID pandemic this summer. Being at the beach, lake, or pretty much any out door activity this summer has been challenging. Nevertheless it is still better than being trapped inside.

A few weeks ago, the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center said for the next three months, above average temperatures are forecast for everywhere in the U.S. - including Alaska. They said 2020 is on track to be one of the hottest years ever.

So whether you accept climate change as a scientific fact or prefer it to be a political football, it's hard to deny the Earth is getting warmer weather patterns. These last few weeks are giving us a good indication of how that translates into our daily lives.

That doesn't necessarily mean a cold winter isn't in our future. The sun is setting earlier, the acorns are beginning to tumble down from the trees, and school begins, in one form or another, in just a couple of weeks. You may be still driving to the beach as often as possible, but that doesn't mean you aren't also keeping an eye on the pumpkin vines.

This being New England, even as we complain about the heat and humidity, we know the days of ice and snow will inevitably follow. We're fortunate to have a chance to experience all four seasons, each unique, each intense. Not one of our seasons is boring, after all we New Englanders need something to chat about and weather is always a good topic.

So enjoy the last weeks of summer, and don't rush them. Fall will be here soon enough and then comes winter.

Letters

Supporting Janet Stevens

To the editor,

On Sept. 8 I will be supporting Janet Stevens for Executive Council in the Republican primary.

Janet Stevens has the experience needed to be an effective Executive Councilor for Derry and for District 3 as a whole. Janet is a small business owner, a nonprofit advocate, and was appointed by Governor Sununu to serve on state boards and commissions. Her experience fits the role perfectly for the Executive Council which is responsible for reviewing state contracts,

overseeing agencies, judicial appointments, and the state's 10 year transportation plan.

I have full faith Janet Stevens will be an effective liaison for our district and work to ensure our communities have good roads and bridges, our government is running efficiently and transparently, and she will support judicial nominees who will protect the 2nd amendment, our election integrity, and school choice. Janet Stevens is also the only candidate in the race talking about competitive bidding process for state contracts

and putting an end to the preponderance of sole source contracts - she will be a government watchdog to protect our tax dollars from bloated spending or misuse.

Janet Stevens has earned my vote in the Sept. 8 Republican primary for Executive Council and I hope she can earn yours too.

Rep. John O'Connor,
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Another concern, which has board members seeing an influx of emails from the public, follows the July hiring of Earl Metzler as an educational consultant for the Hampstead School District. Hamstead elementary and middle schools had been a part of the Timberlane SAU 55. Up until last month, Metzler served as the superintendent for the Timberlane SAU 55 district. However, earlier this year, Timberlane approved the withdrawal from SAU 55, which has sparked this transition from a multi-town SAU to a single-functioning body.

"There were questions about why we needed to do this now," said Parnell, "what I can say to that is we are in the middle of a pandemic, we are in the middle of a

transition year, which none of us have gone through before... We are not experts on setting up a new SAU."

Meltzer and other administrative staff are serving as those experts and offering opinions as Hampstead figures out what the future will look like in the district. Above all else, Parnell said, the move was done to avoid negative impacts on students, staff and the district.

Questions in relation to the SAU transition were directed to the SAU 55 School Board Chairman Brian Boyle at bjb63052@gmail.com.

School board member Jim Sweeney, is keeping his insights on the positives: Hampstead will soon be independent. He warned the public not to get involved in the possible drama of the transition, but to focus on the end goal. "Every step of the way, through weight-

ed voting, Hampstead has not had any say at the SAU level. We needed to protect our district and hire Dr. Metzler," he said, adding that he is "thanking God that we are away from that district."

"Let's think about the school the children and the staff, and how to safely get through this year," he said. "That's what's important."

However, Vice Chair Karen Yaska noted, the influx of public comment surrounding both the hire of Metzler and future plans for schools has been showing repeating concerns. She said that several were from "members of the same family with echoing comments" and about half a dozen were from former employees. She's received comments relating to the board's transparency and the current process underway.

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SAU 55 Chair Announces Choice for Interim Superintendent

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In a letter posted on the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD) website last week, an announcement was made that there would be a interim replacement for the recently announced departure of the current superintendent Dr. Earl Metzler.

In the letter, SAU 55 Chairman, Brian Boyle, announced:

"I am pleased to announce that SAU 55 Board has reached an agreement with Dr. Brian Cochrane to be the Interim Superintendent of SAU 55 for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Cochrane is an experienced public

school teacher, administrator and Superintendent with prior experiences as Assistant Superintendent in the Nashua School District as well as Superintendent in the Litchfield and Barnstead School Districts. Prior to that Dr. Cochrane was a teacher and later curriculum facilitator in the Halifax Regional School District, held curriculum administrative positions in the Nova Scotia Department of Education, and been a full-time Education faculty member at Mt. St. Vincent University, Halifax, NS; Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO; and Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, where he also served as the Associate Vice Presi-

dent of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Cochrane has also served on multiple NHDOE committees and task forces, and consulted for Intelitek Corporation in the development of the nationally known Robotics Engineering Curriculum as well as the SkillUSA Skill Connect Assessments."

Although Metzler will be leaving his full-time post with SAU55 and TRSD, there are plans to have him stay on as a consultant while the school districts plan to reopen from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Also on the website, the school district announced the progress on a potential Re-Opening Plan. That announcement

by Dr. Kimberly Farah, Chairperson of the Timberlane Regional School Board reads:

"The Timberlane Regional School District continues to work on the School Reopening Plan and would like to thank the students, parents, community members, teachers, paraeducators and administrators who

have been involved in that work. We are hoping to be able to share the draft plan next week and then follow up with a survey to parents asking them to indicate which instructional model (fully remote, hybrid, etc.) they would choose for their child(ren) given the information available in the draft. Once we receive the

survey data we will be able to focus our planning using the survey numbers and will be sending out another correspondence asking parents to formally commit to their chosen modality for each child.

Additionally, the school board will be providing opportunity for public comment."

Windham Depot Road To Undergo New Paving Project This Week

DERRY - A notice was recently sent to inform residents of Windham Depot Road that the Town of Derry is scheduled to begin roadway improvements starting Thursday, Aug. 6.

These road improvements will entail a multi-step process of milling and paving operations.

The milling process will involve removal of approximately two-inches of existing asphalt and subsequent replacement

with a new pavement surface.

The work is being done by Continental Paving Inc., of Londonderry.

Most of the above work depends on favorable weather conditions. An intermittent two-week construction period could be possible but is not expected.

Public Works is telling residents of that road to be aware that occasionally a mailbox or basketball

hoop adjacent to the paved road surface may be subject to removal and replacement to complete the milling and paving process.

On street parking will not be allowed during daily construction activities.

Residents with any questions or concerns during the project should contact Alan Coté or Dave Blanchard at 432-6144.

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left seeking information about the terms of the contract, while others, in my opinion, really crossed the line as to what is considered acceptable content in a professional setting," Ysenka said. She said that though the public had its right to vent to its elected officials, it was unfortunate that "adults in Hampstead" could not craft an email "without restoring to namecalling making unsub all and character assassination." She im-

plored the public to stick to facts and more professional tactics when reaching out to public officials. She warned that, as public officials, emails are public documents that can be shared.

Reopening Schools

Due to deadline constraints, the Nutfield News will have a follow-up to the Aug. 4 Hampstead School Board meeting in its next issue.

Led by Metzler, the Safe Learning taskforce has been working diligently with district families and staff for the right "Hampstead model" to addressing education

during a global pandemic, the coronavirus. The task force, which is made up of about 50 people, is looking for the answer to the question: "How do we come up with the safest way to deliver the instruction and service to the students in the fall?"

This is heavily impacted by teachers, he said, and hoped to bring both the teacher's union and community endorsement to the Aug. 4 meeting.

"It's more about we're doing this for them, and not to them," he said. "We're doing this with them"



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Selectmen Approve Trash Contract, Question New Food Truck

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SANDOWN – The Sandown Board of Selectmen met at the Town Hall on Monday, July 27, and after the public comment section the board heard from Public Works Director, Arthur Genualdo and Pete Lachapelle with the new hauling contract for the town.

The most recent hauling contract expired on June 30, 2020. The new hauling contract has increased to \$72.07 per ton of trash per month. The contract also states that it will be at most an increased cost of 5% per year and the contract will be for five years. The board was also notified that the cost per month could fluctuate depending on the market. Because of the pandemic and more people being at home and not at work it has increased the amount of trash the town has to pick up and transport to landfills. There has also been

an increase in processing costs caused by the ban in China due to contamination, as well as commodity values going down. This is not just a problem for Sandown but for the surrounding towns as well. The Selectmen asked Genualdo and Lachapelle if there would be the option of going private to save the town any money. Both Genualdo and Lachapelle thought this would actually end up costing the Town more money in the long run due to the impending closing of some nearby landfills, which will drive up the cost of hauling as well as the price and use of incinerators. To help offset the cost of the new contract, Sandown Town Administrator, Lynn Blaisdell thought it might be worth a shot to see if any of the cost of the new contract might be covered by GOFER, the states Covid relief grant. It is not definitively known if the cost will be covered, but Blaisdell thinks it "is worth a shot" because the

pandemic caused more people to stay at home causing an increase in trash. She will file the necessary paperwork. Despite the increase in price and the hesitancy of where the funds would come from in this year's budget the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the contract by a 4-1 vote.

The next item on the agenda was the question of whether or not to allow a new food truck to park at the Sandown Public Library.

A plant based food truck, owned by Nick and Christy Ortins, farm own-

ers in Sandown, would like to park their food truck at the Sandown Public Library on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on the occasional Saturday. The Library staff approved when asked, and even thought it might help drive business into the library. The only hesitation coming from the Library was where the food truck might park. The consensus from the Board was that they want to let the Ortins have their food truck business but

they are not sure how to go about it just yet. The hesitation from the board being they do not want to undermine the other businesses in town that pay property taxes. Blaisdell offered to contact other towns with food truck businesses to see how they allow their food truck businesses to run. The board did not approve the request for the food truck at this meeting, but will look into the issue further.

OBITUARY

William Richard Carter



William Richard Carter, 78, of Sandown, NH, passed away Friday, July 31, 2020, in VA Boston Healthcare System-W. Roxbury, Boston, MA. He was born in Methuen, MA on Oct. 26, 1941, a son of the late Floyd and Rita (Norris) Carter. William has spent most of his married life in Derry, NH prior to moving to Sandown where he has resided for the past 29 years. During his time in Derry, William served as a Selectman and a member of the Budget Committee. He also found time to be a part of the Rockingham County Community Action program and owned the Country Butcher Shop in Derry for four years. William greatly enjoyed his time with his family especially on camping trips with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by loving wife of 50 years, Elaine (Sandner) Carter of Sandown; two daughters, Deborah Layne of Londonderry, NH and Michele Dupere of Derry; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. William is predeceased by his grandson, William Robert Carter; brothers, Floyd, Austin and Robert Carter and sister Lillian Saunders.

Following cremation there will be no services at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Warrior Brotherhood MC NH Chapter.

OBITUARY

Gary M. Armstrong



Gary M. Armstrong, 69, of Derry, NH, died Saturday July 25, 2020 in Tufts Medical Center in Boston, MA after a lengthy illness. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA on May 23, 1951, a son of the late John and Verna (Snitzer) Armstrong. Gary had been a resident of Derry since 1977. He had been employed Digital, HP, Compaq, 111 Village Square Restaurant and Hadco. He was a member of Calvary Bible Church in Derry. Gary was an avid NE sports fan and was able to watch the first game of the Red Sox season from Tufts. He enjoyed cribbage with the guys and listening to records with his vinyl group. We will miss Gary's cooking and jokes. We'll fill the birdfeeders, watch Jeopardy and pet our cat. We're almost positive Gary's already challenged the disciples to a game of cribbage.

He is survived by his wife Gloria (Cooper) Armstrong, his son, Griffin Armstrong, both of Derry; and his sister, Shirley Geibel of Butler, PA.

A memorial service will be held at the Calvary Bible Church in Derry, on Saturday August 8 at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Assoc., PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Derry is assisting with arrangements.



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Safety a Concern in Upcoming Elections During Pandemic

MARTHA SMITH
NUTFIELD NEWS

This year 2020 is a big election year and includes the Presidential Election. There is a primary coming up on Sept. 8. The New Hampshire General Election will be held on Nov. 3.

For the Primary election in September please note that if you are registered as an undeclared (independent) voter you can either vote with a republican ballot or a democratic ballot. However if you are registered in either party you may only take the ballot of the party in which you are registered. Many people get very upset when they think they are registered undeclared and find out at the polls on primary day that they are actually registered into a particular party – either democrat or republican. If you voted in the last election for either a democrat or a republican you automatically become registered into the party you voted for, unless you changed your status back to Undeclared after you cast your ballot. If you do not make sure you took the action after you voted to change back to being registered as Undeclared you are only entitled to vote on the same ballot you voted last time. For example: if you are registered undeclared and you vote on a republican ballot and you do not change your status on the voter registration list back to being undeclared after you vote you will only be able to get a repub-

lican ballot at the upcoming primary, even if you want to vote for a democrat. It is very important that you make sure at Town Hall with the Supervisor of the Checklist that you are registered as an undeclared voter before you go to vote in any primary if you want to have the choice of voting for either a republican or democratic candidate. It is a good idea to check out your status on the voter checklist as soon as possible as you are not able to make the change on the date of the primary.

This year we are still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Governor Sununu, the New Hampshire Legislature, and the NH Secretary of State's Office are taking every precaution to keep every voter safe in the upcoming Primary and General Election. Anyone who has the virus or been exposed to someone who has the virus or is concerned about exposure to the virus will be allowed to vote in both the Primary and the General Election by way of an absentee ballot. In most elections only voters who fall into very specific categories are allowed to vote by absentee ballot. However, this year (only) as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic anyone who desires to vote may apply for an absentee ballot and check the special Covid-19 exception on the application form. Alternatively, voters may also check the "disability" exception on the application form. Governor Sununu vetoed the

bill that would allow for voting by mail in all future elections in NH. The exception for absentee votes is only allowed for the 2020 elections. An application for an absentee ballot may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall where you currently reside. You can find the contact information for your Town Clerk at the end of this article. You may also get an application for an absentee ballot on the website for the NH Secretary of State at: <http://sos.nh.gov/voting-emergency.aspx>.

In the event you want to vote by absentee ballot using this exception or any of the other exceptions it is highly recommended that you request your absentee ballot as early as possible. Late ballots will not be counted. Check with your Town Clerk to find out the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot and when your absentee ballot must be returned and received by your Town Clerk's office in order to be properly counted. At the discretion of the Election officials in your town drop boxes may be made available, but you must check with the Town Clerk to find out if drop boxes will be made available for absentee ballots in your town.

You may also contact the Town Clerk's office if you need to register to vote. The town websites all contain a lot of important information. See contact information at the end of this article.

In the event you decide

to vote in person at the polls it is most important that you check with your Town Clerk's office to find out the location for voting in your town this year. Some towns have changed there voting locations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Each town is doing there best to take every precaution necessary to provide a safe place for the voters. According to Secretary of State, Bill Gardner, in a July 17, 2020 interview, some voters who decline to wear masks may be barred from entering the polling place. Under certain circumstances voters who refuse to wear a mask may be allowed to fill out and cast a ballot outside of the formal polling place under the supervision of a designated election worker. The State government was provided \$3.2 million in federal funds to be used to improve safety in the 2020 elections, including the purchase of personal protective equipment for poll workers.

You may be interested to learn some historical information about New Hampshire voting. In the 2016 General Election about 75,000 (10%) of votes were cast by absentee ballot. Voter turnout in New Hampshire for the 2016 presidential election

reflected that more than 78% of registered voters in the State cast a ballot. In April of 2020, there were 1,002,904 names on the voter checklist registered at the NH Secretary of State's office: Undeclared (Independent) voters numbered 377,754, Democrats numbered 323,430 and Republicans numbered 301,720.

A survey taken by University of New Hampshire Survey Center in June of 2020 reflected that one-third of the likely voters in the 2020 General Election indicated that they would prefer to use an absentee ballot this year. The survey also revealed that about 85% of New Hampshire voters are confident that the 2020 General Election will be counted accurately.

In summary whether you are an undeclared voter, democrat or republican it is most important that you vote in this year's elections. This year you have the option of voting by absentee ballot or in person at your polling place. The safety of all New Hampshire voters is a prime concern of all of the election officials involved in our elections. Everyone who is entitled to register to vote should register. You can learn how to register by contacting your

Town Clerk. The State of New Hampshire also allows same day registration at the polls on the day of the election. This year 2020 is a big election year and it is most important that everyone who is eligible to vote cast a ballot. Every vote counts in our Country and this is an honor and a duty of all of our citizens.

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Conservation Commission Discusses Broadview Farm Resident Camping



The Broadview Farm Conservation area in East Derry was closed to hikers earlier this week so that crews could mow the overgrown field. *Photo by Chris Paul*

JACQUELINE COVEY
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – The Broadview Farm conservation area was closed this week due to mowing; residents are encouraged to visit other local parks in the meantime. The local favorite, which is deed-restricted for educational use, may soon be open to Derry residents and organizations for camping. At the Conservation Commission meeting on July 27, members considered some baseline rules and expectations for what that may look like. The commission has not finalized anything but would like to open access to Broadview to Derry families to camp and reap the benefits of the outdoor education area.

Organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have camped onsite over the years, however, residents have voiced to commissioners the desire to utilize the grounds.

Chairman James Degnan noted that due to recent upgrades to Broadview, it's platforms are in "great shape" and should be considered for use by the general public. Degnan said, "I think we need to be prepared to open that up for discussion - for more regular

use of the camping area."

However, the commission members still have plenty of prep work before that happens, including creating a cohesive application. Early on, though, the commissioners agreed that camping permits should be limited to Derry residents only. "The property should be for Derry people, they're paying for it," Vice Chair Riccardo Buzzanga said.

The discussion last week served as the baseline, or starting point as the commission continues to research the best policies and practices for Derry. Some of the rules, yet to be finalized, include:

- Any applicant will file a permit with Conservation Commission 14 days prior to the event

- No more than 15 persons allowed; limited to two nights

- May designate a responsible campsite representative

- A responsible party must be at the site at all times

- The site must be cleaned after use

- The applicants must release vehicle info for parking

- No other vehicles will be permitted unless otherwise allowed by the commission

- Minors must be

chaperoned

- Campers must follow Leave No Trace guidelines

- All groups must provide liability waivers,

These were previously not required by the commission, however after researching upward of 60 other town rules, Degnan found that most towns include this stipulation and figured it would benefit Derry.

- Open fires will be permitted in specified areas with additional guidelines such as no foraging for wood and requiring fire suppression tools onsite.

- No alcohol nor glass bottles.

This rule is for the safety of the campsite, as well as protecting campers from potential broken glass or other related accidents.

- Quiet hours would follow the town's 11 p.m. limitation.

- Camping permits will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis

The commission will also explore cancellation rules, as well as continue researching the deeded rules as it moved forward with the campsite permits.

The commission entered into closed session after its 30-minute meeting under the non-public meeting rule.

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Kids Coop Theatre Holds Drive In 'Oliver' Musical



The Kids Coop Theatre group performed "Not Oliver!" at the studios parking lot on East Derry Road in East Derry on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. The cast included 15 youth actors who have been practicing via videoconferencing, outdoors and at the studio. The musical revue used an original script written by Director and KCT Alumni, John Rodgers. Daniel Cain was the Music Director and Megan Cullinane the Choreographer. The play was based on the kids rehearsing through the pandemic.

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Aviation Museum's 'Around the World' Flight Arrive Home on Saturday, Aug. 15

Public invited to see vintage DC-3 aircraft fly into Manchester to conclude innovative learning program; welcome ceremony to include water cannon salute, live music, speeches, and cake.

After departing Manchester-Boston Regional Airport on May 1, New Hampshire students have traveled to more than 20 nations around the globe.

Through the magic of a flight simulator and streaming video, they've flown over the Eiffel Tower in Paris, traversed the Sahara Desert, visited the Taj Mahal in India, and skirted Mount Everest.

But on Saturday, Aug. 15, the Aviation Museum's 'Around the World Flight Adventure' will return home to Greater Manchester, where it all began 37 months ago.

The arrival will be made in style, via a vintage DC-3 airliner flying into Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, home of the Aviation Museum. The aircraft will carry volunteers and guests who played a part in creating the museum's virtual 'Around the World Flight Adventure' learning program.

The landing, scheduled for 12:30 p.m., will include a water cannon salute from the Airport Fire Department and fanfares from a brass ensemble from the Manchester Community Music School. Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig will present a Key to the City

to the intrepid voyagers, and pre-sliced cake will be served to attendees. A food truck will be on hand for those who want lunch.

Bringing in an actual DC-3 is a nod to the virtual aircraft used on the flight simulator throughout the globe-spanning adventure: a C-47 transport, the military version of the legendary twin-engine airplane.

The ceremony will take place on the grounds of the Aviation Museum, located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. The event is free and open to the public; all attendees will be required to wear face coverings and observe social distancing.

Live music will begin at mid-day. Attendees to the family-friendly event are encouraged to arrive no later than noon to find parking and get into position for the ceremony. Spectators will be encouraged to cheer at the arrival.

Teachers and students who participated in the remote learning program online are especially welcome.

Those who want a closer look at the iconic DC-3 may access the airport ramp following the ceremony for \$5 per person, with proceeds supporting the non-profit Aviation Museum of New Hampshire. Tours of the DC-3's interior, including a glimpse of the cockpit, will be available. Other aircraft will be on display on the airport's East Ramp as part of the museum's



This vintage DC-3 airliner will arrive at the Aviation Museum of N.H. on Saturday, Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m., marking the return of the museum's 'Around the World Flight Adventure,' a virtual learning.

annual 'PlaneFest' celebration.

Introduced in the 1930s as the first all-metal airliner, the DC-3 became one of the world's most popular aircraft, with thousands produced for commercial and military use. Many still fly today; the aircraft coming into Manchester was delivered new in 1940 to American Airlines, and later spent many years flying for Provincetown-Boston Airlines. It's now privately owned and based on Cape Cod.

The Aviation Museum will be open on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular admission charges apply: \$10 adults; \$5 for age 6-12; age 5 and under, free; discounts for seniors and active military.

The museum's 'Around the World Flight Adventure' was launched this spring as a virtual learning program to help teachers and students engaged in remote learning due to the coronavirus

pandemic.

To create the program, volunteers used the museum's Elite Flight Simulator to fly virtual segments around the globe, which were then posted online at the Museum's Web site, www.nhahs.org. Each segment included recorded video of the takeoff and landing, narration along the way, a pilot's log with extensive notes, and links to more information.

The program remains available online at www.nhahs.org.

"We began sending information about the project to schools this past spring, as soon as we started planning it," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum. "From the data, we know we had an average of several hundred viewers for each segment through the end of school in June."

Flight segments introduced students to the basic science of flight and the craft of piloting, but also explored topics of geography, history, and culture.

"Even with students and teachers at home, our 'Around the World Flight Adventure' enabled us to carry out our mission to inspire students about flight," Rapsis said. "It's turned into something with a lot of potential for us to expand our reach to a lot of new people."

The project also included two livestream events: a Memorial Day flight over the D-Day landing beaches in Normandy, France, which was highlighted by Newsweek Magazine and which attracted about 1,000 viewers from around the world; and another on the 4th of July over Italy exploring the connections between Ancient Rome and the founding of the United States.

Volunteers creating the program chose to make the journey in a virtual DC-3, as rendered by the simulator, for the aircraft's historic significance and aesthetic appeal.

"We decided a great way to bring the program

to a conclusion was to bring in a real DC-3 carrying in the people who created the program, and to invite everyone to celebrate the arrival," Rapsis said.

Sponsors of the 'Around the World Flight Adventure' include Wire Belt Co. of Londonderry, Brady-Sullivan Properties, Terrafugia, Signature Flight Service, Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, and Queen City Rotary. In-kind support is provided by Jay D. Carter IT Services and So Many Aircraft; the program was also funded by a NH Humanities Grant.

The DC-3 arrival and ceremony is subject to weather conditions.

The Aviation Museum of N.H., located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, N.H., is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Housed in the original 1937 passenger terminal at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, the museum is dedicated to celebrating New Hampshire's role in aviation history. The museum's education outreach program aims to inspire today's young people to become tomorrow's aviation professionals and aerospace innovators.

For more information about PlaneFest, the Around the World Flight Adventure, or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs

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August is National Water Quality Awareness Month

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

August is the second hottest month of the year in New Hampshire, following a scorching 31 days of July. Although not typically quite as hot as the month before, temperatures are still guaranteed to rise high enough for anyone out and about to break a sweat.

It is crucial to stay properly hydrated at all times, but particularly so when weather conditions cause dehydration risk through excessive sweating and respiration. Keeping a water bottle at hand is wise during hot summer days.

However, regular purchases of plastic water bottles can add up, and it can be difficult to find room in the recycling bin for the amount of water necessary to keep many individuals hydrated. Reusable plastic or metal water bottles or

flasks makes for a wise investment this time of year.

While it is convenient to be able to refill these water bottles at the turn of the tap, it is important to make sure that the water that results is safe to drink in large amounts.

August is National Water Quality Month, a time dedicated to reminding everyone of the importance of protecting the health of all water sources, drinking and recreational.

According to the United States Geological Survey, the average person uses about 80 to 100 gallons of water per day. This includes not only drinking, but flushing toilets, washing hands and dishes, and showering and bathing. In order to protect water quality, it is important to also be wise about the quantity of water that is used on a daily basis.

There are countless ways to conserve water from limiting time taken in the shower to changing buying habits by making more thoughtful purchases through secondhand clothes and buying from eco-conscious companies.

Awareness of one's "water footprint" is also a great start in determining the best way individuals can help protect water quality. Households can calculate their water footprint by visiting watercalculator.org by answering questions on indoor and outdoor water use, as well as other habits from driving to recycling. Additional resources for water conservation can be found on the site, as well.

As far as preserving the quality of one's own personal drinking water supply, there are a few different things that can and should be done on a fairly routine basis.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States has one of the safest water supplies in the world, including tap water. However, the CDC also states, "Even though our tap water supplies are considered to be one of the safest in the world, water contamination can still occur."

Contamination can come from a number of different sources, says the CDC, including, but not limited to sewage releases, naturally occurring chemicals and minerals (i.e. arsenic, radon, uranium), local land use practices (i.e. use of fertilizers, pesticides, livestock), manufacturing processes (i.e. heavy metals, cyanide), or malfunctioning on-site wastewater treatment systems.

The CDC adds that drinking water that is not properly treated or that travels through improperly maintained distribution systems may also create an environment for water contamination.

Over time, consumption of contaminated water can lead to health problems, such as gastrointestinal illness, reproductive

problems, and neurological disorders, says the CDC.

Awareness of contamination risk may lead to temptation to just skip the reusable bottles and opt for presumably safer bottled water from the store. But with the proper resources, the water available from home can be just as safe to drink, and end up saving a pretty penny down the road.

Anyone who may be concerned about the possibility of contaminants in their drinking water may obtain a water testing kit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. From there, should any contaminants be found, a water treatment specialist can

help determine the cause and how to make tap water safe to drink again.

Home water filter systems can also help further filter water, making it pure and healthy. A water treatment specialist can also help recommend the best filtration systems for each individual household.

This month, put more thought into how water is treated, both in home and at large in the world. Together we can make small changes to make a big difference.

For more resources on drinking and groundwater in New Hampshire, visit the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau's website at des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb

Hampstead/Community Caregivers Cancels Town-Wide Yard Sale

HAMPSTEAD - The Town of Hampstead in partnership with Community Caregivers of Greater Derry has chosen to not plan and execute this year's annual town-wide yard sale that would have been on Oct. 10, (Columbus Day weekend).

The active cases of COVID-19 are down in Hampstead, but surrounding towns within 15 minutes are still showing cases of the virus.

Having such an event is encouraging a gathering of 10 or more people, and a gathering where people are going from place to place. It would only take one person to go from location to location during the event to seriously spread the virus. In addition, yard sales must also comply with the same guidelines required of retail operations.

The Town of Hampstead and Community Caregivers are still hoping

to continue to hold this event on future Columbus Day weekends.

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1. Triad Winery
For a Variance. From Article 5, Section 5.3 of the Ordinance to Permit a wine tasting area On the premises known as Map 011-054-002, 413 Lane Road in the R-1 Residential zoning district
2. Keith Gokey and Erin Hayes Gokey
For a Variance. From Article 5, Section 5.3.5, Table 1 of the Ordinance to Permit a shed no larger than 10'x12' inside the common land setback approximately 5' from the rear property line where 25' are required on the premises known as Map 002-088-129, 59 Jenkins Farm Road in the R-1 Residential zoning district.

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tion should be taken because of that. He also felt that the event should have a police detail, with cost covered by the town.

Town Administrator Debra Doda said she would check with the Police Chief on what personnel would be available since it's Labor Day weekend.

Also discussed, on the subject of Spring Hill Farm, were some construction projects needed there.

Doda explained that there was some talk about running electricity from a barn down to a shed on the property. She added that the old wiring would need to be removed and new wiring run to the structure. Myette added that he didn't think it would be a major job.

Selectmen Steph Landau added that if this building has no historical significance, then maybe what should be done is to start fundraising effort to construct a building more in the period of the home. He

suggested using the students at the University of New Hampshire to design a barn for the use of gardening and storing vehicles. It would also make the farm more usable for the citizens of the town.

Myette responded that he would bring it up at the next Spring Hill Advisory Committee.

Doda also mentioned to the board that summer help has been sprucing up the farm recently with painting and weeding, and the area is looking much better.



Chester Selectmen suggested relacing the Spring Hill Farm shed with a new building to house gardening equipment.
Photo by Chris Paul

Upper Room Supports Grandparents as Parents with Kinship Program

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center is excited to share it has received funding through New Hampshire Children's Trust, in support of it's new Kinship Program geared at connecting with Grandparents or who are raising their grandchild-

dren. This program also works with other families where a sibling, or extended family member is caring for a relative who is a child they are now raising.

The work began in early April and The Upper Room connected

with the YMCA in Londonderry to see how it could support the PASTA group which supports grandparents. Acting in support of the amazing efforts already happening at The Y, The Upper Room shared in the meetings and began offering

additional case management, and concrete supports to these families. Helping them find resources for food, bills and summer camps, as well as being part of their support network. Also acting as a sounding board, offering individual support, and problem solving some of the challenges of this period in time.

In May, SoRock Coalition for Youth, connected and asked to be part of the efforts as well, so this southern NH region is thriving at supporting grandparents in many communities. "During a very unpredictable time, the work being done with grand families is critical. Lack of connections, and increased out of school time, means that grandparents have a higher responsibility for

the care, education and social emotional being of their grandchildren. Combine these new responsibilities in an uncertain time and families feel the stress, and children feel it too." States Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director.

The Upper Room, is working to help families thrive, and these families are engaging in groups, on site activities at The YMCA in Londonderry, and through face to face visits, to offer support and assistance, from our Kinship Navigator. "When we all work together, we are able to offer a wider array of services and problem solve together. An example of partnership this summer came when The YMCA and Upper Room were able to work together to help families find

affordable summer camps for their grandchildren". States Guggisberg "We realize that when we can each help in some way, that children and families have a stronger ability to manage challenges, and thrive. We know that through the connections, and working together we can build supports that give the greatest assistance during the greatest times of need".

The Upper Room plans to continue to partner with area agencies, to support grand parents, and also has created individualized services and support available to anyone interested in receiving those services in our region. For more information about the Kinship Program, Contact Seren at 603-437-8477 or selizabeth@urteachers.org

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DERRY

Taylor Library Reopens

The Taylor Library re-opened on a limited, appointment - only basis on Monday July 6. Individual's families may visit for a maximum of 1 hour per day by appointment. To make an appointment call 432-7186. Appointments times for public entry are every hour and 15 minutes to allow time between groups to disinfect surfaces. Masks/face covering are required at all times when in the library for those 3 and older. Returned items should be placed in the book return outside so that we can follow proper quarantining protocol. Curbside pickup will continue. Give us a call or place a request online for pick up.

Story Walk

The Taylor Library in East Derry is giving residents the ability to take their children out for a walk and enjoy a book at the same time. A new Storybook Walk has been installed in the field behind the library, and a new story will be put out every two weeks.

Time to quit?

Vaping and Your Health Workshop Available remotely by the Upper Room during June. This workshop is for Teen & Young Adults up to age 24.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizabeth@urteachers.org.

Raising Another's Child?

Upper Rooms Grandparent & caregiver support group is on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free, live on Zoom facilitated by The Upper Room. Join this weekly meeting for resources, dis-

cussions and support. To access, visit: www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

CHESTER

Important Voting Notice

Due to Covid-19 Chester Supervisors of the Checklist will be in Town Hall for voter registration for the 2020 Primary and Presidential Elections Aug. 10, 17, & 24, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Aug. 29, from noon - 1 p.m. With active participation expected Covid-19 guidelines and social distancing Please consider registering early to avoid delays at the polls. Avoiding registering on Election Day will save you waiting in line. You may also register with the Town Clerk during regular hours or contact the Clerk at elufkin@chesternh.org for an absentee ballot form application.

Play with Ozobots

On Thursday, Aug. 6, at 4 p.m., "Drive" mini robots on a track at the Chester Public Library. For kids of all ages. Please register on the Chester Library Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Harry Potter Escape Room

Starting Monday, Aug. 10 at the Chester Public Library, Can you escape from the Hogwarts library? All Ages Welcome. Please Register on the Chester Library Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Tie Dye Tuesday

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 1

p.m. Tie dye a t-shirt at the Chester Public Library. Please bring your own shirt. All Ages Welcome. Please Register on the Chester Library Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Teen Animal Crossing

On Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. Visit other islands and hang out on the CPLteens Discord server. Please Register with the Chester Public Library on the Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Summer Reading Finale

Last day to hand in reading logs from the Chester Library's Summer Reading is Saturday, Aug. 15! Winners will be drawn and prizes will be awarded the following week.

Harry Potter Trivia Night

How much do you Really know about Harry Potter? Find out on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 4 p.m. All Ages Welcome. This program will be held virtually on WebEx. Check the Chester Public Library Facebook page for more information. Please Register on the Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Teen Wands

Cast a spell with a magic wand on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Chester Library. For kids of all ages. Please Register on the Chester Library Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Chester Public Library Reopens

The Chester Public Library reopened to the public on Monday, July 6. The Library takes the safety of its patrons and staff seriously. Physical distancing and a reduction in some services will be in place to provide a safe environment for everyone. We ask that patrons wear a mask while visiting and do not enter the building if you are sick or have a fever, cough, or have trouble breathing. We will have dis-

posable masks for those that do not have one. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.

HAMPSTEAD

Town-wide Yard Sale Canceled

The Town of Hampstead in partnership with Community Caregivers of Greater Derry has chosen to not plan and execute the year's annual town-wide yard sale that would have been on October 10, 2020 (Columbus Day weekend). The active cases of COVID-19 are down in Hampstead, but surrounding towns within 15 minutes are still showing cases of the virus. Having such an event is encouraging a gathering of 10 or more people, and a gathering where people are going from place to place. It would only take one person to go from location to location during the event to seriously spread the virus. In addition, yard sales must also comply with the same guidelines required of retail operations. The Town of Hampstead and Community Caregivers are hoping to hold this event on future Columbus Day Weekends.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 21, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. Visit redcrossblood.org for further information on this time saving feature. For an appoint-

ment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. For specific information on this drive, please contact John Cussen at 603-329-5207.

Grief Support

Hampstead Congregational Church will hold their monthly Community Grief Support Group on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m. - noon in Hadley Hall, 61 Main St., Hampstead. We are following safety protocols and ask that you wear a mask. Your grief may be from a long-ago loss, or it may be more recent--the loss of a spouse, a child, a sibling, a home, a job, or a dream.... This group will seek to be a place where each may give and receive support wherever you are on your journey of loss. Please know you are welcome to just drop in. If you have any questions, please call 603-329-6985.

Storytime Online

Hampstead Youth Services Librarian Devin continues to post Storytime videos on the Library's Facebook page as well as the Library website. This has been a great way for toddlers to continue to connect with Devin and add to their budding reader routines. Upcoming Storytime themes include rainbows, butterflies, bugs, and dragons.

Storybook Walk

The Hampstead Public Library has put out their Storybook Walk on the Library's front lawn. The featured book is We're Going On A Bear Hunt. It starts near the stone-wall. Thanks to the Hampstead Mothers' Club for funding this project.

The page-poles are at least 8' apart and should allow space for families to take turns, if more than one should visit at the same time. The Library will try to keep the story-walk up for a couple of weeks, but the book pages may be taken down on rainy days, and put back up for sunny days. If a pole falls down, don't worry, we'll get there and fix it.

SANDOWN

Mother Goose On The Loose

Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose, will be held on Monday mornings on YouTube this event has movement, reading, rhymes, and songs for ages 0-36 months. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. The Library will post the link to the day's YouTube 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times too.

REGIONAL

Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. Dinner on July 31 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Dinner on Aug. 9 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 15 at St Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 16 at **continued on page 15**

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